



IBM Docket No. END920000176US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Applicant : S. B. Cirulli, et al.  
Serial No. : 09/815,312 Group : 3621  
Filed : 22 March 2001 Examiner : Firmin Backer  
Entitled : System and Method for Leveraging Procurement Across Companies and Company Groups

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)  
(Large Entity)

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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 6 August 2003 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (blacken time period desired):

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